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## ***Ocotillo Sunset* Mural Opens at The New Children's Museum**

*Pinnacle residents and The New Children's Museum collaborate on commissioned artwork.*

SAN DIEGO – *January 29, 2020* – This past weekend, the Pinnacle Marina Tower and The New Children's Museum celebrated the opening of *Ocotillo Sunset*, a mural by artist Eva Struble. The mural spans 81 feet along the back of The New Children's Museum's building and faces the Pinnacle Marina Tower lobby entrance on 550 Front Street in downtown San Diego.

*Ocotillo Sunset* depicts a Southern California desert scene and is part of Eva Struble's ongoing exploration of the region's varied ecologies. The work features plants native to the region bathed in the orange glow of afternoon light, including the ocotillo plant that transforms from skeletal and gray during the dry season to brilliantly green and spiny with rainfall.

"The desert landscape mural is personal and close to my experience of living in San Diego," said artist Eva Struble. "I collected some of the images that became the foundations of the mural while camping and hiking in the desert. My process starts from both ends, in nature and in the studio, and I hope viewers can appreciate the mural up close as an abstract artwork, or from a distance for its more literal representation of a local landscape."

Eva Struble's *Ocotillo Sunset* was commissioned by The New Children's Museum in collaboration with their neighbors at the Pinnacle Marina Towers, located directly behind the Museum. The mural was made possible thanks to the support of the Pinnacle's Art Committee.

"Together with our neighbors we are working to invigorate shared public spaces in our vibrant corner of downtown San Diego," said chair of the Pinnacle Art Committee, William Landry.

The mural (and its information plaque) can be viewed along the rear exterior (north side) of The New Children's Museum when turning off Front or Union Streets into the Plaza area between the Museum and Pinnacle residences. For more information on *Ocotillo Sunset*, visit [thinkplaycreate.org/explore/art-installations/ocotillo-sunset](http://thinkplaycreate.org/explore/art-installations/ocotillo-sunset).

**Photos:** [Link to photos here.](#)

Photo A: Pinnacle Residents and Project Supporters; Photo Credit: Jimena Fernandez

Photo B: Eva Struble and Pinnacle Residents (From left to right: William Landry, Eva Struble, Victoria Ortiz and Steve Ortiz; Photo Credit: Jimena Fernandez

Photo C: *Ocotillo Sunset* Mural

Photo D: Eva Struble

### **About The Artist**

Eva Struble is a San Diego-based artist. She received her MFA in painting from Yale University in 2006 and her BA in Visual Arts in 2003 from Brown University. Her exhibit of painted prints, *Emblema*, was shown at the UVA's School of Architecture in 2015, and her project, *Produce*, was displayed in a solo exhibition at the Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego in 2014. Her work has been shown at the Cleveland MOCA, at Angles Gallery in Santa Monica and the Vincent Price Art Museum in Los Angeles, and has received praise in *Art In America*, *The Village Voice* and other publications. Struble currently teaches Paint and Printmaking at San Diego State University.

### **About The New Children's Museum**

The New Children's Museum is a new model of children's museum whose mission is to stimulate imagination, creativity and critical thinking in children and families through inventive and engaging experiences with contemporary art. Located downtown, the Museum collaborates with contemporary artists to design and create art installations and educational programs for children. The Museum brings families together in a rich educational environment that fosters creativity — blending the best elements of children's museums, contemporary art museums and community resources. In 2018, the Museum celebrated its 35<sup>th</sup> year in San Diego and its 10<sup>th</sup> year as The New Children's Museum downtown. To learn more, visit [thinkplaycreate.org](http://thinkplaycreate.org) or follow them on [Facebook](#) or [Instagram](#).

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